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## NAGOYA CHRISTIAN RELIEF CENTER DEDICATED

Dedication of the Center was held September 26. Dr. K. Muto of the NCC gave the sermon, Mrs. Sugiyama and Mr. and Mrs. Toyama gave greetings. About 100 pastors and members of churches in the area, representatives of the local school, women's groups and other organizations attended the ceremonies.

The desire for this Center came from the typhoon sufferers themselves. In this Hakusui area of the Southern World where every type of Christian relief work had been undertaken, the sufferers said, "The Christians were the first to come to our aid and they have stayed with us when the concern of others turned cold. We wish there could be a permanent Christian institution in our area."

When this request was brought to the Christian Relief Work Headquarters, a Nagoya Christian Relief Center Establishment Committee was set up. Soon generous contributions were coming in from various Christian sources. Mr. Toyama, a member of a Kyodan church gave \$ 1,350 as an individual gift and an additional \$ 2,750 from the Nikko Securities Company toward a permanent and vital Christian witness in Japanese society at the beginning of Japan's second







Christian century." Other significant contributions came from the JCWS, the International Benevolent Women's Society, the Japan Episcopal Church, the Christian Reformed Church, the Presbyterian Church U.S., and numerous individual Christians.

About 27,000 square feet of land was purchased in the Center of the typhoon area. Plans were drawn up for a 360 square foot wooden building to house the various activities for the immediate future and land was broken on May 10. The completed two-story building has two club rooms and a medical office on the second floor. The office and the 30 bed day-care rooms for babies are located on the first floor. The baby-care work will start from October. Mothers will also be able to get advice and help in caring for their babies. Three nurses and a public health nurse will be in charge of the program. Through the help of Dr. Mizuno, a member of the board and Chairman of the Society of Christian Doctors, a clinic will be set up. Plans are that a doctor will come to the center to treat patients and stay there during the night.

Mr. Tadao Kozaki, formerly of the Taura Christian Community Center in the Yokosuka area is director of the center and Mr. Wozomu Ueda, who participated in the relief work from the beginning is the assistant director. Both are graduates of the Social Work Department of Meiji Gakuin in Tokyo. The members of the board of Trustees represent the major Protestant denominations and organizations in the Nagoya area and the "Board is determined to perpetuate in the center the spirit manifested by the hundreds of Christians who participated in the relief work immediately following the typhoon. It is to be an "ecumenical" venture serving as an avenue thru which the churches and Christians of the Nagoya area may bring the compassion of Christ to bear upon the continuing critical needs of the typhoon sufferers."

Rev. Mr. Masato Tajima, moderator of the Central District of the United Church is chairman of the Board.

#### NCC EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETING HELD September 15

Dr. Ken Muto gave his report on the IMC and WCC meetings he attended in Scotland in August. It was the 50th anniversary of the founding of the IMC. Two thousand delegates representing nations all over the world were present. Mr. Yoichi Honda (Methodist), Mr. Kazunozuke Ibuka (Presbyterian), and Mr. Tasuku Harada (Congregational) attended the first meeting 50 years ago. This year Dr. Muto and Dr. Kozaki represented the Japanese Church. The WCC-IMC integration was decided at the conference. The NCC had already agreed to the integration a long time ago.

Dr. Muto also reported on the WCC central committee. He was amazed at the complexity and inter-relation of international relations, evangelism and the African problem. He understood the need to consider things from an international position. These delicate problems must be considered by Christians of different countries as they get together on a basis or in a spirit of Christian friendship.





From there he visited West Berlin and met two Japanese who are working there with the refugees. He was also able to visit with Dr. Dibelius. He was surprised by the very few strikes that have been held in Germany compared to the many post-war strikes here in Japan.

The Executive Committee decided to have a consultation on the problem of "Service of the Church" in the Spring of 1961. Mr. M. Thomas (India) of the EACC and Mr. Alan Brush EACC will attend. A further consultation on worship will also probably be held with Dr. Keith Bridston of the EACC participating.

#### KYODAN CEC HOLDS ANNUAL CONFERENCE AT AMAGI SANJO

About 60 missionaries in evangelistic work and 22 Japanese leaders from various parts of Japan gathered for three days of talks and discussions on September 28, at Amagi Sanjo in Shizuoka Prefecture.

The main talk was given by Rev. Mr. Yoshio Mukai on the "Fundamental Policy of the United Church as it faces the Second Century." It was mainly a summarization of the Basic Strategy Conference held in February and reported in the March 15 issue. The entire assembly then divided into 4 discussion groups and discussed points from the talk during the two days. Findings were reported at a general meeting on the last day and the evaluation was opened for discussion at large.

Other sessions were held in which a Japanese and a missionary spoke on the same subject. Rev. Mr. Ken Saeki and Rev. Mr. Donald Clugston spoke on the Sermon and the Sacraments; Worship and It's Forms. Rev. Mr. Rinzo Toki and Rev. Mr. Richard Norton spoke on the Pastoral Role and the Role of the Layman. Rev. Mr. Isamu Omura and Rev. Mr. Newton Thurber, who gave a report of the Strasbourg Conference, spoke on the Community Outreach of the Church.

The missionaries speeches were considerably longer than their Japanese colleagues and there seemed to be no hesitation from either side either in the talks or discussions to frankly express individual feelings and views. In the small discussion group the writer attended, criticism of a particular problem in one kyoku or area was balanced by concrete examples given by a missionary and Japanese pastor from another area showing how they handled such problems. The discussion meetings were constructive and there was a frank exchange of opinions on the areas of concern mentioned in the talks.

#### NEWS FROM DR. KAZUO SAIKAWA, KYODAN MISSIONARY DOCTOR TO TAIWAN

The day after Dr. Saikawa's arrival a three day Spiritual Life Conference for the Christians was held to welcome him. Thirty patients were living at the center and another 30-40 came to attend the services. The prayer sessions had a spirit of expectancy and many poured out their hearts in fervent prayer. The last day 18 of the patients were baptized. Forty observed Holy Communion together.





What a thrilling welcome for Dr. Saikawa who writes "We are trying to treat the patients but we don't forget to lead the patients to the Lord. We always have a service before the treatment."

The Tainan Skin Clinic (Taiwan Leprosy Relief Association) has about 300 patients and another clinic at Chiayi has 100 patients. The Taian clinic has a recently completed operation room a physiotherapy room and a 12 bed ward. There is a new operating table and recently many plastic surgery instruments were purchased with the Easter Sunday Morning offering of the Protestant Air Force Chapel in Taiwan. Miss Ruth Duncan, Formerly a missionary in China before the war, opened this clinic three years ago. She and Dr. Saikawa are the only ones on the staff but 6 negative patients also assist than in their work.

It is estimated that there are about 6000 patients on Taiwan and that only about 2000 are receiving therapy.

Mr. Saikawa and his family are being supported by the Taiwan Leprosy Relief Association in Taiwan and the OEC is caring for his elderly mother and father and 12-year old son who stayed behind to continue his schooling.



